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Aadhaar Linkage under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending wage liabilities under MGNREGA scheme during the last financial year;

(b) whether the Government is insisting on aadhaar authentication at the time of withdrawal of MGNREGA wages, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the purpose of introducing aadhaar authentication is to solve leakages and delays in wage payments, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of mechanism by which the Government ensures that wages are not snatched from MGNREGA workers after the process of authentication; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely wage payments to MGNREGA workers especially in drought-hit regions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): State/UT-wise details of pending wage liabilities under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the last financial year is given in Annexure.

(b)&(c): States are seeding the Aadhaar number of workers into the Programme Data Base (NREGASoft) and these Aadhaar are authenticated. The Aadhaar authentication has solved the problem of leakages in wage payments.

(d): After the MGNREGA workers wage payment are connected to Aadhaar Based Payments, it is directly routed into their accounts linked with the Aadhaar.

(e): In order to ensure timely payment wages, Rules have been issued for timely payment of wages under which, it was suggested that clear accountability shall be fixed on the functionaries for timely performance of specific duties leading to payment of wages. All cases of delayed payment attract compensation @ 0.05% per day of delay, which is automatically calculated and paid by the State Government.

The Ministry has initiated Electronic Fund Management System (e-FMS) which directly credits the wages into the respective beneficiary's accounts using the core banking system. The Central Government has also started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 11 States (Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala Odisha Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttrakhand) and launched Dashboard for tracking of pending Fund Transfer Orders, Public Fund Management System, Workers module, electronic Fund Management System, Direct Benefit Transfer etc.

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